

1 **I claim:**

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3 1. A removable, attachable apparatus for attachment to a measuring tape, the measuring tape
4 having upwardly curving edges and a downwardly substantially perpendicular tab at a
5 leading end, said removable, attachable apparatus comprising:

6 a. workpiece engagement means for engaging a workpiece to be measured,
7 said engagement means being substantially perpendicular to and beneath said measuring tape and
8 having at least one surface suitable for engaging said workpiece, and

9 b. attachment means for removably attaching said workpiece engagement
10 means to the curving edges of the measuring tape.

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12 2. An apparatus as described in claim 1, wherein said workpiece engagement means further
13 comprises:

14 a. rigid engagement member having a top, bottom, front face, and rear face,
15 aligned with said faces substantially perpendicular to the measuring tape, and

16 b. said rear face having a surface suitable for engaging the workpiece.

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18 3. An apparatus as described in claim 2, wherein said rigid engagement member has a width
19 greater than the distance between the curving edges of the measuring tape.

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21 4. An apparatus as described in claim 2, wherein said surface suitable for engaging the
22 workpiece is tacky.

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24 5. An apparatus as described in claim 2, further comprising at least one projection extending
25 backwards from said rear face of said rigid engagement member.

1 6. An apparatus as described in claim 2, wherein an indentation formed in said front face of
2 said rigid member is suitable for receiving the tab of the measuring tape.

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4 7. An apparatus as described in claim 2, wherein a hole formed in said rigid member is
5 suitable for receiving the tab of the measuring tape.

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7 8. An apparatus as described in claim 1, wherein said attachment means further comprises:

8 a. rigid attachment member attached to said workpiece engagement means, suitable for
9 being held adjacent to and beneath the measuring tape,

10 b. two rigid attachment tabs extending upwardly from said rigid attachment member
11 adjacent to the curving edges of the measuring tape, and

12 c. at least one kerf formed in each rigid attachment tab for receiving a curving edge of
13 the measuring tape.

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15 9. An apparatus as described in claim 2, wherein said attachment means further comprises:

16 a. rigid attachment member attached to the top of said rigid engagement member,
17 suitable for being held adjacent to and beneath the measuring tape,

18 b. two rigid attachment tabs extending upwardly from said rigid attachment member
19 adjacent to the curving edges of the measuring tape, and

20 c. at least one kerf formed in each rigid attachment tab for receiving a curving edge of
21 the measuring tape.

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23 10. An apparatus as described in claim 9, wherein said rigid attachment member and said rigid
24 engagement member comprise a single rigid perpendicular piece.

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26 11. An apparatus as described in claim 1, wherein said attachment means is slideable along said
27 measuring tape.